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TORTURE (CONTINUED)

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1. SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUNDAY TIMES STORY ON
ALLEGED ISRAELI MISTREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS ON
JUNE 19, THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE TREATMENT OF IT
IN BRITISH MEDIA, A FACT WHICH HAS SOMEWHAT PUZZLED OB-
SERVERS OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS HERE. THE JEWISH OB-
SERVER AND JEWISH CHRONICLE CARRIED CRITICISMS OF THE
SUNDAY TIMES STORY, INCLUDING INTERIM DENUNCIATIONS OF IT
BY THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AS "SLANDER". HOWEVER, THE LATTER
HAS NOT YET ISSUED ITS FORMAL REFUTATION STATEMENT,
PENDING CLEARANCE FROM THE GOI IN JERUSALEM.

2. SUNDAY TIMES ISSUE OF JUNE 26 CARRIED OVER A PAGE OF
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. WHILE THOSE FROM THE PRO-ARAB
LOBBY SUCH AS MICHAEL ADAMS WERE PREDICTABLE, PROBABLY
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL LETTER SUPPORTING THE SUNDAY TIMES
ARTICLE WAS BY SCHOLAR ELIZABETH MONROE. THIS ISSUE OF
THE SUNDAY TIMES REPORTS THAT 27 BRITISH MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT SIGNED A MOTION FOR AN EARLY DEBATE, READING
AS FOLLOWS:

"THAT THIS HOUSE VIEWS WITH DEEP CONCERN THE SUNDAY TIMES'S DETAILED AND CAREFULLY RESEARCHED REPORT ON JUNE 19 OF THE TORTURES METHODICALLY CARRIED OUT ON PALESTINIANS IN PRISON IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OVER MANY YEARS; AND IN ORDER THAT JUSTICE MAY BE DONE, URGES A DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF THESE ALLEGATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL JURISTS."

ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES MP ERIC MOONMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ZIONIST FEDERATION, AS STATING THAT 25 MP'S HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT THE ARTICLE.

3. EMBASSY IS POUCHING FULL TEXT OF THESE ARTICLES IN THE SUNDAY TIMES, JEWISH CHRONICLE, AND JEWISH OBSERVER. ADVANCE COPIES SENT TO PALMER IN NEA/RA.

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